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that's what makes this whole conundrum so difficult, I guess. I would like to just reiterate for the body, there seems to be a few questions, still, as to what the intentions are here and where we are with what we did on General File. On General File, what we did was amend...or amend my proposals so that we would have to be under the auspices of the election commission or the county clerk to collect signatures. They would or we would designate the sites, whether it be the county courthouse or the state fair or the grocery store or whatever, that would be designated. What we did not do on General File was to change the numbers of signatures. We talked about it but we didn't do it. We left them the same as they are now. And what this amendment is doing is attempting to do what we talked about on General File, and that is cut the signatures in half for a statutory initiative, for a constitutional amendment and for the referendum. And I...you know, we can argue all day about where those numbers should be. The rationale was that you cut them in half and that's how we came with the numbers that we did. There is a handout on your desk that shows you approximately what those numbers are. And with that, Madam President, I'd yield the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Vrtiska. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Madam President, members of the body, I'm going to give some time to Senator Schimek while I'm getting my thoughts back together. Senator Schimek, do you care for my time? She doesn't want it, so I'll pass.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, when I was engaging in the discussion with Senator Dierks, he told us more by not being willing to answer because we have not seen Senator Dierks so unwilling to answer a question. If you look at his size and his structure, you'd never think he is more light-footed than Fred Astaire. Fred Astaire was as frail as a rail, but the way Senator Dierks tap-danced, Fred Astaire would have sat down in awe. What Senator Dierks was telling us by not answering is that he knows that the public showed not only a lack of wisdom, but outright ignorance and utter stupidity in voting to add to